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Applicant: Rajesh Ranganathan et al.

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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

Applicants hereby request continued examination of the above-captioned application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114. The application is a non-provisional application that was filed on or after June 8, 1995.

This request is being submitted after the mailing of a final Office Action and after the filing of a Notice of Appeal, and thus is to be considered as a request to withdraw the appeal and to reopen prosecution. For the submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114, Applicants request entry of the amendment set forth in Applicants' reply to the final

Office Action mailed on December 15, 2003, a copy of which is enclosed for the Examiner's convenience. In addition, Applicants concurrently submit a Preliminary Amendment.

Enclosed is a check for \$385 in payment of the fee required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) for this Request for Continued Examination. Also enclosed is a petition to extend the period for submitting an Appeal Brief pursuant to the Notice of Appeal filed on December 23, 2003 for one month, to and including March 23, 2004.

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Respectfully submitted,

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